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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESENT: **Robert H. Naftaly, Chair STC**
 Douglas B. Roberts, Member STC
 Frederick W. Morgan, Member STC

Kelli Sobel, Executive Secretary
LaNiece Densteadt, Recording Secretary

DATE OF MEETING: **December 21, 2006**

PLACE OF MEETING: **Treasury Bond Finance Board Room**
 1st Floor Richard H. Austin State Office Building
 Lansing, MI 48922

TIME OF MEETING: **9:00 A.M.**

The item numbers referred to in the minutes correspond to the agenda items as numbered.

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of December 13, 2006, as presented.

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to support Items 2 through 6 - Bulletins 14 thru 18 as submitted by the Executive Secretary.

Scott Schrager, representing the Executive Office spoke regarding the Toll Northville decision by the Court of Appeals. Discussion ensued and it was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to ask the Attorney General to review the case and file an amicus brief if appropriate.

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to dismiss Item 7 on the agenda - classification appeal 06-109 filed by Dow Chemical.

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the Executive Secretaries recommendation to require Maple Ridge Township, West Branch Township and Peacock Township to appear at the February 5, 2007 State Tax Commission meeting to discuss their failure to correct deficiencies noted in their 14-point reviews. (Item 8 on the agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the Executive Secretaries recommendation to approve the computerized cost tables presented by BS&A Software and to rescind approval of any Assessor Manual other than the 1998 and 2003 Manuals and to encourage assessors to switch over to using only the 2003 Manuals by the 2008 Assessment Year. (Item 9 on the agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt forms 4070 Hydroelectric Report Real Property, form 4094 Steam Electric Report Real Property, Form 4452 2007 Cellular (Wireless) Site Equipment Personal Property and the Annual Reporting forms for State Assessed Telephone, Railroad and Car Line entities. (Item 10 on the agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendation on the following petitions (Item 11 on the agenda):

Dismiss petitions:

154-98-0957, 154-99-1050, 154-99-1068, 154-00-0036, 154-00-1087 thru 154-00-1095,
154-00-1101 thru 154-00-1109, 154-01-1201, 154-01-1202, 154-01-1206 thru 154-01-1209,
154-01-211, 154-02-2444 & 154-03-2381 thru 154-03-2385 Dow Chemical Company City of
Midland
154-03-2068 Mary Jo Beck & William Davis, Au Gres Township, Arenac County

Rescind petitions:

154-06-0199 Francis Tiernan Burt Township, Alger County
154-05-4575 Adam and April Winker, AuTrain Township, Alger County
154-06-1772 Griswold Engineering, Plymouth Township, Wayne County

Rescind and Dismiss petitions:

154-06-0333, 154-06-0336, 154-06-0338, 154-06-0339, & 154-06-0340 General Motors Corp,
City of Bay City, Bay County
154-06-0266 Richard O. and Dorthea Blankstrom Rock River Township, Alger County

Amend petition:

154-05-2589 PMC Gage, Inc. City of Detroit, Wayne County

Withdraw petitions:

154-02-0785 Xerox Corporation, City of Flint, Genesee County
154-05-0390 & 154-06-0659 Xerox Corporation, City of Eastpointe, Macomb County
154-05-2849 & 154-05-2850 Xerox Lease Equipment LLC City of Allen Park, Wayne County

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendation on Items 12 through 24 on the agenda. ([link to full list](#))

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendation on Item 25, Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate #2004-061
Reverse Revocation of Entire Certificate and Revoke Real Portion Only for
Distinctive Machine Corporation City of Walker, Kent County.

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendation on Item 26 to dismiss the petitions listed in the agenda ([link to full list](#)) for lack of jurisdiction.

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the MCL 211.154 concurrences, Item 27 on the agenda ([link to full list](#)).

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendations on Items 30 thru 33, Alternate Personal Property Statements for DTE Energy Company, Meijer Inc., Sprint Nextel (West) Corporation and Tax Compliance Inc.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to **postpone** the following MCL 211.154 petitions:

154-06-1881 Hadley Products, City of Grandville, Kent County
154-06-1911 Lacks Trim Systems LLC, City of Kentwood, Kent County
154-06-1907 Lacks Industries Inc., Cascade Township, Kent County
154-06-1725 Hertz Equipment Rental Co., City of Dearborn, Wayne County
154-04-4157 American Axel and Manufacturing, City of Detroit, Wayne County
154-04-4158 American Axel and Manufacturing, City of Detroit, Wayne County
154-02-0326 J & L Industrial Supply, City of Livonia, Wayne County
154-05-3954 J & L Industrial Supply, City of Livonia, Wayne County

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to **amend** the following MCL 211.154 petitions:

154-05-3967; MARJO PLASTICS; CITY OF PLYMOUTH; WAYNE COUNTY;
PLYMOUTH-CANTON Sch. Dist.; 49-999-00-1306-600; PERSONAL PROPERTY

2003 AV from \$ 22,570 to \$ 24,700; TV from \$ 22,570 to \$ 24,700
2004 AV from \$ 23,460 to \$ 28,800; TV from \$ 23,460 to \$ 28,800
2005 AV from \$ 30,450 to \$ 35,100; TV from \$ 30,450 to \$ 35,100

154-06-1949; EQ RESOURCES RECOVERY INC.; CITY OF ROMULUS; WAYNE
COUNTY; ROMULUS Sch. Dist.; 80-999-00-1873-000; PERSONAL PROPERTY

2004 AV from \$1,445,800 to \$1,692,900; TV from \$1,445,800 to \$1,692,900
2005 AV from \$1,445,800 to \$1,783,350; TV from \$1,445,800 to \$1,783,350
2006 AV from \$ 747,500 to \$1,177,300; TV from \$ 747,500 to \$1,177,300

154-05-3563; HORNE TRAVEL; CANTON TWP.; WAYNE COUNTY; PLYMOUTH-
CANTON Sch. Dist.; 71-999-99-1029-000; PERSONAL PROPERTY

2003 AV from \$ 22,240 to \$ 109,400; TV from \$ 22,240 to \$ 109,400
2004 AV from \$ 18,870 to \$ 94,300; TV from \$ 18,870 to \$ 94,300

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly with Mr. Roberts abstaining regarding petitions 154-05-2965 and 154-05-2966 Midfield Pizza Group, City of Romulus, Wayne County to ask the Executive Secretary to correct the filing error made between 2004 and 2005 and to work with the taxpayer to revise the 2003, 2004 and 2005 years to add tables and chairs to the assessed and taxable values. No other changes in the values were approved.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to adopt all other petitions as submitted ([link to full list](#)).

The Commission discussed a memo provided by Harold Anderson of the Assessment and Certification Division regarding 14-point reviews. The Commission asked the Executive Secretary Sobel and Mr. Anderson attend a State Assessors Board meeting to discuss issues related to 14-point reviews.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommended Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Certificate for City of Detroit and City of River Rouge Petitions.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to send to assessors and Equalization Director's a memo authorizing reproduction of the Assessor's Manual for Assessors use.

The Executive Secretary provided the Commission with an update on recent legislation passed regarding the City of Gibraltar and Detroit Cold Rolling. This issue will come before the Commission at their February 5, 2007 meeting.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to order Grant Township to submit MCL 211.154 petitions for all years for omitted property. The Township had previously submitted only the 2006 Assessment Year when the property in question had been omitted in 2004 and 2005.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to cancel the September 18, 2007 State Tax Commission Meeting.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to accept the Executive Secretaries recommendation to assume jurisdiction of the 2006 assessment roll for Torch Lake Township, Houghton County and to require the Township to have in place no later than March 31, 2007 a contract to conduct the reappraisal. The Township must inform the STC of the entity or entities who are going to conduct the reappraisal and seek approval prior to final execution of the contract.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting of the State Tax Commission at 11:20 A.M.

DATED TYPED: **December 22, 2006**

DATE APPROVED: **February 5, 2007**

Robert H. Naftaly, Chair
State Tax Commission

Douglas B. Roberts, Member
State Tax Commission

Frederick W. Morgan, Member
State Tax Commission